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SUBJECT: INTERPELLATIONS CONTINUE THROUGH SECOND DAY

REF: A. SEOUL 5181 (22 JUNE 77 R 220925Z)

B. SEOUL 5228 (23 JUNE 77 PR 230852Z)

SUMMARY INTERPELLATIONS ON JUNE 24,, SECOND DAY FOR QUESTIONING GOVERNMENT, WAS MILD REPETITION OF FIRST (REF A) PARTICULARLY AS BOTH INTERROGATORS WERE PRO-GOVERNMENT. TROOP ISSUE AND KIM HYONG-UK CASE INCLUDING ALLEGED BLUE HOUSE "BUGGING" RESURFACED BRIEFLY, HOWEVER. END SUMMARY.

1. SECOND DAY OF INTERPELLATIONS WITH FEW EXCEPTION WAS ESSENTIALLY CARBON COPY OF FIRST. TWO CHIEF QUESTIONERS WERE DRP' SIN TONG-KWAN AND INDEPENDENT, FORMER SECRETARY TO SPEAKER CHUNG IL-KWON, YANG CHONG-KYU, BOTH OF WHOM ARE WEDDED TO STRONG PRO-GOVERNMENT POSTURE. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT PAK'S MESSAGE TO ASSEMBLY TO PUT ON BEST FACE POSSIBLE CONCERNING U.S. TROOP DEPARTURE WAS NOT RAISED AGAIN ON FLOOR, INTERPELLATIONS APPEARED VERY MUCH COLORED BY PRESIDENT'S DESIRES.

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2. IN ONE NOTABLE NEW DEPARTURE BOTH YANG AND SIN MADE DEMAND THAT ROKG SHOULD DEVELOP NUCLEAR SELF-DEFENSE SYSTEM IN LIGHT OF TROOP WITHDRAWAL. THIS HAS RECENTLY BEEN DISCUSSED IN PRESS (REF B) BUT THIS IS FIRST MENTION IN ASSEMBLY. YANG ALSO SUGGESTED ROK AIR FORCE BE STRENGTHENED AND THAT DEFENSE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT,

PARTICULARLY IN PRECISION WEAPONS FIELD, BE ACCELERATED. SIN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF RETAINING TWELVE THOUSAND AMERICAN TROOPS IF ROKG PAID EXPENSES, MOVING THEM SOUTH, PERHAPS BELOW TAEJON, PARTICULARLY IF U.S. WAS "SO WORRIEE" ABOUT KEEPING THEM STATIONED AT DMZ. IN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE, PRIMIN STRESSED THAT GOVERNMENT HAD NO INTENTION OF DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. ALTHOUGH GOVT. DID NOT COMMNET ON SUGGESTION THAT ROK FINANCIALLY SUPPORT NUMBER OF U.S. TROOPS, PRIMIN SAID SIMPLY DMZ WAS PROPER PLACE TO STATION 2ND DIVISION.

3. ALLEGATION THAT U.S. MADE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF BLUE HOUSE WAS RAISED AGAIN WITH YANG ASKEING GOVERNMENT TO ASK PRESIDENT CARTER "DIRECTLY" FOR HIS EXPLANATION. "IF U.S. IS STRESSING MORAL DIPLOMACY," YANG SAID, "HOW CAN IT BE INVOLVED IN SUCH PRACTICES?" IN RESPONSE TO YANG'S MILD OUTBURST, PRIMIN MERELY NOTED THAT U.S. ALREADY AHD MADE FULL EXPLANATION.

4. FORMER KCIA DIRECTOR KIM HYONG-UK'S TESTIMONY ALSO RESURFACED WITH SLIGHTLY NEW SLANT. YANG NOTED HIS CONCERN THAT NORTHKOREA WAS USING KIM'S TESTIMONY THAT ROKG NEVER INTENDED REAL DIALOGUE WITH NORTH AS EFFECTIVE PROPAGANDA WEAPON. GOVT. REPLIED BY PROMISING TO STDY MEASURES TO COUNTER ANY DAMAGING ALLEGATIONS.

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5. MOST NOVEL COMMENT WAS PROBABLY YANG'S, WHEN HE SUGGESTED THAT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD HAVE SENT ASSEMBLY MISSION TO U.S. CONGRESS, PRESUMABLY ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL ISSUE. INDEPENDENT ASSEMBLYMAN THEN CREDITED NDP WITH SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN CONVINCING JAPANESE DIET ON NEED FOR PASSING LEGISLATION ON JAPANESE SHELF ISSUE. SOME NDP AUDITORS NOTED THAT THIS WAS FIRST TIME IN LONG MEMORY OPPOSITION PARTY HAD BEEN PRAISED BY NON-NDP ASSEMBLYMAN ON FLOOR.

6. ALTHOUGH NOT MENTIONED ON FLOOR, NDP AND DRP ASSEMBLYMEN AHVE INDICATED THEY STILL PLAN TO INTRODUCE JOINT RESOLUTION TO RETAIN U.S. TROOPS IN KOREA. NDP IS ALSO PLANNING TO INTRODUCE NEW "RECOMMENDATION" ON REPEAL OF EMERGENCY MEASURE NO. NINE AND RELEASE OF MYONGDONG PRISONERS, SUPPLANTING OLDER RECOMMENDATION ALREADY IN ASSEMBLY "HOPPER." NEW RECOMMENDATION WILL COMBINE BOTH MYONGDONG AND EM-9 ISSUES INTO ONE, EVEN THOUGH GOVT. ON JUNE 22 INTERPELLATION SESSION (REF A) KEPT ANSWERE ON SUBJECTS SEPARATE. SINCE RECOMMENTDATION PER SE IS PRESUMABLY DOMMED TO DEFEAT, STRATEGY IS NOT ALL THAT SIGNIFICANT EXCEPT TO "PROVE" THAT OPPOSITION IS STILL BATTLING AWAY.

7. INTERPELLATIONS WILL CONTINUE ON JUNE 25 AND 27 ON
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